

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Tatsumi WATANABE, et al. :
Serial No.: Group Art Unit:
Filed: November 30, 2000 Examiner:
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND
RECORDING MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4, line 1, please delete "or claim 3".

Claim 6, line 1, please delete "or claim 5".

Claim 13, lines 1 and 2, please delete "or claim 5".

Claim 14, lines 1 and 2, please delete "or claim 5".

Claim 15, lines 1 and 2, please delete "or claim 3".

Claim 16, lines 1 and 2, please delete "or claim 3".

Claim 17, lines 1 and 2, please delete "or claim 5".